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REFS: A. BANJUL 0575; B. DAKAR 4155; C. MONROVIA 4198; D. CONAKRY

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1. PRESIDENT JAWARA OF GAMBIA ARRIVED CONAKRY AFTERNOON 19 JULY AND DEPARTED AFTERNOON 20 JULY. DURING ARRIVAL CEREMONY JAWARA HINTED BROADLY THAT PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO MEDIATE BETWEEN GUINEA AND SENEGAL. TWO PRESIDENTS APPEARED TO GET ON FAMOUSLY, BUT NO COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED. ACCORDING SENIOR GOG OFFICIAL, SEKOU TOURE RELAYED THROUGH JAWARA GUINEAN "CONDITIONS" FOR NORMALIZATION RELATIONS WITH SENEGAL.

2. GUINEAN RADIO COVERAGE OF SEKOU TOURE VISIT TO MONROVIA (REFTEL C)

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EMPHASIZED WARMTH OF EXCHANGE BETWEEN TWO PRESIDENTS, AND TRANSMITTED

EXTRACTS OF TOURE SPEECH INCLUDING HIS REMARKABLE ASSERTION THAT TOLBERT WAS PILLAR OF AFRICAN UNITY WHOSE DIALOGUE WITH VORSTER HAD BEEN WIDELY MISUNDERSTOOD. (COMMENT: ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL THAT TOURE HIMSELF WAS A FEROCIOUS CRITIC OF TOLBERT'S MEETING WITH VORSTER.)

3. TOURE RETURNED CONAKRY 1330 JULY 22 JUST MISSING ARRIVAL HIS NEXT CHIEF OF STATE VISITOR, MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH, WHO WILL STAY OVERNIGHT.

4. COMMENT: UNDERSTAND DADDAH HAS SPENT PAST TWO DAYS IN ABIDJAN. HIS UNEXPECTED STOPOVER IN CONAKRY MAY RELATE TO A RENEWAL OF CIVIL DIALOGUE BETWEEN HOUPHOUET BOIGNY AND SEKOU TOURE LEADING TO NORMALIZATION IN THAT DIRECTION ALSO. TOURE'S BREATHELESS DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY AND GENERALLY CONIILIATORY BEHAVIOR IS STRIKING AFTER YEARS OF SULKING IN CONAKRY. STILL BELIEVE THERE IS GOOD CHANCE HE WILL LEAVE FOR KAMPALA LATER THIS WEEK, ALTHOUGH FONMIN FILY CISSO KO TOLD ME RATHER TENTATIVELY THIS MORNING THAT HE DIDN'T THINK TOURE WOULD GO.
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